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Letter dated 9 November 2016 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

Further to the letter dated 18 October 2016 from Ambassador Vitaly Churkin, I have the honour to inform you that the members of the Security Council have agreed to send a mission to the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Angola during the period from 10 to 14 November 2016. The members of the Council have agreed on the terms of reference of the mission, which are attached hereto (see annex).

Ambassadors François Delattre (France) and Ismael Abraão Gaspar Martins (Angola) will co-lead the mission.

Following consultations with the members, it has been agreed that the composition of the mission is as follows:

Mr. Ismael Abraão Gaspar **Martins** (Angola)
Mr. **Shen** Bo (China)
Mr. Amr Abdellatif **Aboulatta** (Egypt)
Mr. François **Delattre** (France)
Mr. Yoshifumi **Okamura** (Japan)
Mr. Ramlan Bin **Ibrahim** (Malaysia)
Mr. Phillip **Taula** (New Zealand)
Mr. Petr V. **Iliichev** (Russian Federation)
Mr. Gorgui **Ciss** (Senegal)
Mr. Juan Manuel **González de Linares Palou** (Spain)
Mr. Eduard **Fesko** (Ukraine)
Mr. Stephen **Hickey** (United Kingdom)
Ms. Isobel **Coleman** (United States)
Mr. Elbio **Rosselli** (Uruguay)
Mr. Henry Alfredo **Suárez Moreno** (Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of)

I should be grateful if you could have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Fodé **Seck**
President of the Security Council

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Visit by the Security Council of the United Nations to the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Angola, 10-14 November 2016

Terms of reference

Democratic Republic of the Congo

The Security Council will carry out its mission to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, within the framework of resolution 2277 (2016), the press statements of 15 July (SC/12449-AFR/3414), 16 August (SC/12477-AFR/3430) and 21 September 2016 (SC/12528-AFR/3451).

The Security Council will meet with the President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Prime Minister and his Government, leaders of the political parties, both signatories and non-signatories of the 18 October political agreement resulting from the national dialogue, as well as civil society organizations and the leadership from the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO), among others.

In line with the framework set out in the first paragraph above, the Security Council will deliver the following messages:

1. To stress the crucial importance of a free, fair, credible, inclusive, transparent, peaceful and timely presidential election, in accordance with the Constitution, for stability, development and consolidation of constitutional democracy in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

2. To express concern about the recent violence in Kinshasa and continued instability in the Democratic Republic of the Congo related to the electoral process and to call upon all political parties, their supporters and other political actors to refrain from further violence or other provocations and to address their differences peacefully.

3. Acknowledging the conclusion of the national dialogue, to urge all political parties to show responsibility by joining and continuing an open, inclusive and peaceful political discussion related to the presidential elections, in accordance with the Constitution, and to urge further confidence-building measures to ease tension and build consensus.

4. To express deep concern regarding the persistence of violence in North Kivu Province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo where more than 700 civilians have been killed since October 2014.

5. To assess the security situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the ability of MONUSCO to implement its mandate in accordance with Security Council resolution 2277 (2016), and in particular to respond to current and ongoing security threats.

6. To urge troop-contributing countries to fully implement their mandate to protect civilians and to remind them of the need for a comprehensive approach, and to take all necessary measures to carry out the mandate.

7. To remind those serving in MONUSCO of their obligations under resolution 2272 (2016).

8. To call on the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to take further military action, in accordance with international law, including international humanitarian law and international human rights law, as applicable, and with the support of MONUSCO in accordance with its mandate, to end the threat posed by the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF), the Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda (FDLR) and all other armed groups operating in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

9. To welcome the regional initiatives and efforts by regional states to enhance cooperation towards the neutralization of armed groups in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo and encourage further action.

10. To urge the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to hold accountable those responsible for violations of international humanitarian law or violations and abuses of human rights, as applicable, in particular those that may amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity, including those committed in the context of the electoral process.

11. To welcome efforts made by the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to combat and prevent sexual violence in conflict, including progress made in the fight against impunity through the arrest, prosecution and conviction of perpetrators from the Armed Forces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (FARDC) and the National Civil Police (PNC) and to encourage the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to continue to strengthen its efforts in this area.

12. To reiterate their full support to MONUSCO and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in efficiently implementing their mandate in full.

13. To express their determination to continue to closely follow the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, in particular the security conditions on the ground and the efforts to successfully conclude the electoral process.

Angola

During its visit to Luanda on 14 November 2016, the Security Council will hold talks with the President of Angola, José Eduardo dos Santos, in his capacity as President of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region, the President of the National Assembly, and the Diplomatic Corps accredited to Angola, with the following objectives:

14. To undertake an assessment of the political and security developments in the Great Lakes Region, particularly in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, following the summit held in Luanda on 26 October 2016, with the purpose of engaging in and supporting the ongoing regional efforts related to peace and stability in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

15. To discuss the results of the Security Council's visit to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

16. To strengthen cooperation relations between the Angolan authorities and the United Nations (Security Council).